Title: Need to ensure that Indian Airlines flights are not cancelled at last minute.

SHRI K.S. RAO (MACHILIPATNAM): Sir,I would like to draw the attention of the House towards the difficulties faced by passengers due to last minute cancellation of flights by the Indian Airlines.

Visakhapatnam has now become the largest port in the country and it is a major centre for investment by both Indian and multinational companies. Korean and other multinational companies have expanded their business at Visakhapatnam. A large number of foreign dignitaries have to face embarrassing situation due to cancellation of flights by Indian Airlines from Visakhapatnam and Hyderabad and as a result thereof they had to return back without attending their important functions. Besides this, on earlier occasions also, the Indian Airlines suddenly cancelled its flight to Visakhapatnam when a team of Korean investment companies was scheduled to visit Visakhapatnam to explore the possibilities of setting up a Korean Industrial Park and ultimately the team had to return to Korea without visiting Visakhapatnam.

In view of the above, I urge upon the Government to direct Indian Airlines not to resort to last minute cancellation of flights and also to provide good quality of air service to passengers.